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## FINANCIAL CORPORATION

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VIA AIR COURIER

July 15, 1997

Mr. Vernon Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: Termination of Lease of Railroad Equipment dated as of July 3, 1997 by  
Helm Financial Corporation ("**Termination of Lease**").

Dear Mr. Williams:

On behalf of Helm Financial Corporation, I submit for filing and recording, under 49 U.S.C. Section 11303(a) and the regulations promulgated thereunder the following document:

Two (2) fully-executed originals of the above-referenced Termination of Lease.

In connection with the recording of the Termination of Lease, please note the following information:

Name and Address of Lessor: Helm Financial Corporation  
One Embarcadero Center, Suite 3700  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Name and Address of Lessee: Wisconsin Public Service Corporation  
600 North Adams  
Green Bay, WI 54307

Equipment: Forty-six (46) railcars, as more fully described in attached Schedule A to the Termination of Lease.

Previous STB Filing: Memorandum of Lease of Railroad Equipment filed on March 19, 1996 under Recordation No. 19979.

Please file the Termination of Lease as a supplementary document and return one (1) endorsed original to my attention. A check covering the filing fee of twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) is enclosed.

Sincerely,

*PHapin*

Patrick Hapin  
Document Administrator

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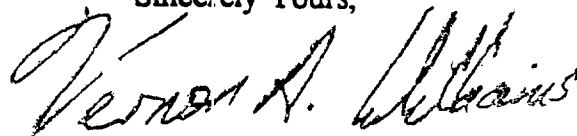
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Dear Sir:

The enclosed document(s) was recorded pursuant to the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 11301 and 49 CFR 1177.3 (c), on 7/16/97 at 11:39AM, and assigned recordation number(s). 20772, 20773, 17688-B, 19645-A, 19979-A, 20324-A and 20539-A.

Sincerely Yours,

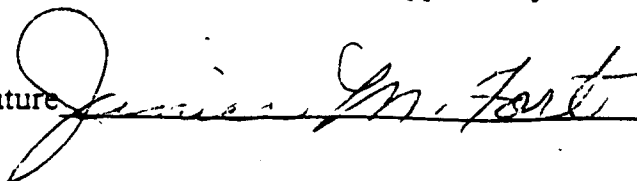


Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary

Enclosure(s)

\$ 168.00 The amount indicated at the left has been received in payment of a fee in connection with a document filed on the date shown. This receipt is issued for the amount paid. In the event of an error or any questions concerning this fee, you will receive a notification after the Surface Transportation Board has an opportunity to examine your document.

Signature



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## TERMINATION OF LEASE

THIS TERMINATION OF LEASE OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT ("Termination") is dated as of July 3, 1997 by HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION, a California corporation ("Lessor").


1. **Recitals.** Lessor entered into the Lease of Railroad Equipment dated as of August 16, 1995 ("Lease") with Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, a Wisconsin corporation, with respect to the forty-six (46) open top hopper railcars described in Schedule A attached hereto. The Lease is on file at the Surface Transportation Board of the Department of Transportation ("STB") under STB Recordation Number 19979 filed on March 19, 1996.

The Lease was terminated on December 31, 1996. The purpose of this Termination of Lease is to provide a formal termination document for filing with the STB.

2. **Termination.** The Lease is hereby formally terminated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lessor, pursuant to due corporate authority, has caused this Termination of Lease to be signed in its corporate name on the date indicated below its signature.

HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: 

Title: Executive Vice President

Date: July 9, 1997

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA                    )  
  ) S.S.  
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO            )

On July 9, 1997, before me, Patrick M. Hapin - Notary Public  
personally appeared David R. Eckles, Executive Vice President of **HELM**  
**FINANCIAL CORPORATION,**

✓ personally known to me -OR-

— proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s)  
whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and  
acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their  
authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on  
the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the  
person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Patrick M. Hapin  
SIGNATURE OF THE NOTARY

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## SCHEDULE A

### Description of the Units:

Ten (10), 4000 cubic foot, 100-ton, rotary coupled (53'1" coupler face to coupler face) three pocket, open top hopper railcars; built by Bethlehem Steel Corporation in 1978;

Thirty-six (36), 4000 cubic foot, 100-ton, rotary coupled, three pocket, open top hopper railcars; built by Pullman Standard in 1976.

### Unit Numbers:

HLMX 145047-145092